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SUBJECT: GATT SECRETARIAT STUDIES OF U.S. GSP BENEFITS

1. GATT SECRETARIAT, AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US, HAS PRODUCED A SERIES OF STATISTICAL TABLES (WITHOUT ANALYSIS) FOR THE INDIVIDUAL USE OF 22 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH FOCUS ON U.S. GSP BENEFITS FOR EACH OF THOSE COUNTRIES. THE TABLES SHOW PRODUCT COVERAGE ON A LINE ITEM AND CUMULATIVE BASIS, TSUS SCHEDULE BY SCHEDULE; MFN TARIFF RATES; COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS BASED ON U.S. 1973 IMPORTS; PRINCIPAL LDC SUPPLIERS; AND THE POTENTIAL INTEREST OF THAT COUNTRY IN U.S. MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS. EACH OF THE 22 COUNTRIES WILL HAVE ACCESS ONLY TO THE TABLING RLATING TO U.S. IMPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY; THE STUDIES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. SECRETARIAT HAS GIVEN US ONE COMPLETE SET OF THE

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STUDIES AND WILL GIVE US ANOTHER SET ON MICROFISCHE

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2. THE STUDIES DIFFER FROM PREVIOUS SECRETARIAT STUDIES OF GSP. UNLIKE ITS GLOBAL STUDIES (THE WHITE AND TAN BOOKS), AND INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARY COUNTRY STUDIES WHICH COVERED ONLY THOSE PRODUCTS WHICH THE LDCS THEMSELVES SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN, THE STUDIES COVER SCHEDULES 1-7 OF THE TSUS. SINCE THE SECRETARIAT HAS PRODUCED SOMEWHAT COMPARABLE STUDIES OF OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES AND SINCE U.S. GSP HAS JUST BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THE STUDIES ARE DEVOTED SOLELY TO THE UNITED STATES. SECRETARIAT HAD HOPED TO USE 1974 TSUS TAPES BUT THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE. SECRETARIAT WANTED TO COMPLETE STUDIES AND CONVEY TO INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES BEFORE MANILA G-77 MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. CULBERT

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